

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment after final, Claims 1-12, 24, 26-37 and 47-58 will be pending in the present application. Claims 13-23, 25, 38-46 and 59-67 are being cancelled herewith. Applicants request entry of this amendment after final as placing this case in condition for allowance.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

The Examiner rejected Claims 13-20, 22-23, 25, 38-45 and 59-66 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dotan (5,822,517 A). Applicants are cancelled herewith such claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, such that this case can pass to issuance.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 13-20, 22-23, 25, 38-45 and 59-66 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 has been overcome.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

The Examiner rejected Claims 21, 46 and 67 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Dotan (5,822,517 A) in view of Conklin et al (5,991,881 A). Applicants are cancelled herewith such claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, such that this case can pass to issuance.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 21, 46 and 67 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome.

III. Allowable Claims

Applicants graciously acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-12, 24, 26-37 and 47-58. As these claims are the only claims remaining in this application, this case is now in condition for allowance.

IV. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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